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## ADMINISTRATION WINS VICTORY IN THE HOUSE

By a Vote of 276 to 143, the Wilson Policy Was Supported This Afternoon When the Resolution Warning Americans Not to Travel on Armed Merchantmen Was Tabled Following Like Action in the Senate

Washington, Mar. 7.—The house of representatives voted this afternoon to table the resolution warning Americans off armed liners. This made the administration victory complete in both branches of congress.

The vote was 276 to 143.

Washington, Mar. 7.—In a tumultuous session, the house today went on record on the issue of warning Americans off armed liners.

The first test resulted in a vote of 256 to 160 in the administration's favor. The house by that ballot refused to permit amendment of McLeMore's warning measure.

A second roll call was immediately begun on the proposition of adopting the rule to bring McLeMore's warning before the house.

It was evident that the administration would win again on a second early roll call and that the rule would be adopted. As the proceeding went on excitement increased. More than 10,000 spectators jammed every available foot of space in the galleries. Included in the throng were many figures prominent in world politics, as well as representatives of the belligerent nations.

The impassioned flights of oratory stirred members as well as auditors to a frenzy. The applause increased in volume.

Rumors that President Wilson would not regard war as unwelcome, which were so hotly denied last week, were revived and circulated through the capital. Friends of the administration met the reports with denial.

On the floor republicans and democrats got together on opposite sides of the momentous question.

On the second roll call the administration won another victory. By a vote of 271 to 138 the house adopted the rule bringing the resolution up for final disposition.

Party affiliations were generally effaced on the first ballot, but the democrats voted as a rule to cut off amendment of the McLeMore resolution. Following a cabinet session, President Wilson, with Secretary McAdoo, remained in the executive offices to learn the result of the house fight.

## SENATE CONFIRMS BAKER APPOINTMENT

Washington, Mar. 7.—The senate this afternoon confirmed President Wilson's appointment of Newton D. Baker, of Cleveland, as secretary of war.

## GOVERNOR'S SECRETARY BECOMES "TIN SOLDIER"

Salem, Mar. 7.—Believing in preparedness, George Palmer Putnam, private secretary to Governor Withycombe, is today a member of the "awkward squad" of Company M, Oregon National guard.

## COMMISSION ADJUSTS THE RATES ON LUMBER

Washington, Mar. 7.—The interstate commerce commission today adjusted the alleged discriminatory rates on lumber and lumber products via the Southern Pacific, Union Pacific and Northern Pacific. The freight tariffs were alleged to discriminate in favor of coast lumbermen, and against dealers in Wisconsin, Iowa and Illinois.

## WRITER DECLARES GERMAN-AMERICAN ALLIANCE SUPPORTS RESOLUTION

New York, Mar. 7.—Declaring the National German-American Alliance is backing the McLeMore and Gore resolutions warning Americans off armed liners, the New York World printed a copyrighted article today exposing the workings of an alleged widespread pro-German propaganda in the United States.

The World claimed Alphonse Koebler, prominent New York attorney, was the real chief of the alliance, and alleged D. L. Marshall, New York realty man, was its leading lobbyist at Washington.

It asserted the alliance's program included warning Americans off armed liners, controlling the republican convention and defeating Woodrow Wilson in his campaign for reelection.

A copy of an alleged letter from former Congressman Bartholdt to Koebler, suggesting a presidential boom for Champ Clark, was published in the article, together with what purported to be a report from Marshall on his lobbying in behalf of the warning resolutions, naming the leg-

islators with whom he said he had conferred.

Among those named were Senators Works, Jones, Chamberlain and Borah.

On January 11, in a letter signed "Locke," the World said Marshall wrote Koebler, declaring he had interviewed Congressman Stephens of Nebraska and Senator Gore, suggesting they merge their bills preventing Americans from traveling on armed merchantmen.

He said they agreed and that Marshall added he would try to have them include his own suggestions in the merged measure.

The World charged a secret circular of the organization provided that no American, German or Irish names appear among the officers of the alliance.

Koebler's denial that he is connected with any such organization, or has any connection with anybody maintaining a lobby at Washington, was also published by the World. In this statement Koebler was quoted as calling Marshall a "Bryan bug" and a "pachyderm."

## CROWN PRINCE FOLLOWS TACTICS OF MACKENSEN

El Paso, Mar. 7.—A match lighted by a morphine fiend caused the city jail fire which killed 16 and terribly burned 19 prisoners, according to the statement today of Police Captain L. L. Hall. He said:

"We know of 16 dead. Thirty-four naked men were in their cells, waiting to be bathed, when a match, lighted by a morphine fiend, set fire to disinfectants used in the bath house."

Two additional deaths today brought the total number of lives lost up to 18. Twenty-five prisoners, mostly Mexicans, were caught in sheets of flame when the disinfectant exploded and burned in the prison bath house. A number of nude men, standing in line awaiting their baths, were killed before they could move to flee.

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## WIFE OF PRISCO CHAIRMAN SUSPECTED OF BEING SPY

San Francisco, Mar. 7.—Australian authorities detained Mrs. Arthur Tarpey, wife of a San Francisco clubman, in Sydney for several days on suspicion of being a German spy, she declared upon arriving here on the liner Sonoma, in port today.

The Australian suspicions were aroused when Mrs. Tarpey received a letter and some pictures from Paul Steindorf, a German musician of Berkeley. At first she was refused permission to sail on the Sonoma, and only managed to get aboard when American Consul Britton escorted her to the wharf.

## NO DRIVING FORCE SAYS MR. CHURCHILL

London, Mar. 7.—Charging that the admiralty lacks "driving force," Winston Churchill, former first lord of the admiralty, launched his long-expected criticism of British naval policies in the house of commons today.

Commenting on rumors that the German fleet is preparing for a dash into the North sea, Churchill said:

"The enemy's dreadnaughts might attempt to raid England at any time."

Arthur J. Balfour replied that since the war began the navy's personnel has been doubled, its tonnage increased by 1,000,000, and its aerial arm made ten fold greater.

## ASKED \$50,000 JUDGMENT FROM VAUDEVILLE STAR

Portland, Mar. 7.—Joe Howard, vaudeville star and musical comedy composer, may find a court judgment for \$50,000 hanging over his head unless he presents some reason to the contrary before next Saturday.

Mrs. Edah Witherspoon has sued Howard for breach of promise. Papers were served on Howard when he was in Portland in January. He did not answer them. The time limit has expired.

Yesterday Mrs. Witherspoon asked for an order of default, and the hearing was set for Saturday. Mrs. Witherspoon says Howard made violent love to her when he was in Portland two years ago, and promised to come back and marry her. Howard said he jokingly proposed to the widow after he had drunk considerable wine.

## ANOTHER BOOST IN THE PRICE OF SUGAR

Portland, Mar. 7.—A general advance of 15 cents a hundred pounds in the price of sugar will take effect tomorrow morning, wholesalers announced today. This makes a rise of 25 cents a hundred since last Friday.

## CONFIRM ARRIVAL OF RAIDER MOORE IN PORT

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VON BETHMANN-HOLLWEG.  
German Chancellor Says Country Can Hold Out Indefinitely.



Photo by American Press Association.

## POLICE AND TONG GUNMEN FIGHT IN SAN FRANCISCO

San Francisco, Mar. 7.—Police and Chinese tong gunmen exchanged shots at Grant avenue and Jackson streets this afternoon, following the attempted murder of a Chinaman by an alleged Hop Sing hatchetman.

The wounded man has several bullets in his body and will probably die. This is the third Chinese to fall victim to tong gunmen since morning. One other has been killed in the last 24 hours.

As the wounded man rolled on the sidewalk, clutching his side, several policemen ran around the corner. The assailant was trotting down the street. Half a dozen shots rang out, but the fugitive quickly dodged into a doorway and vanished.

The wounded man was later identified as Joe Yung Duck, 40 years old. He claimed to be a member of no tong.

San Francisco, Mar. 7.—Another death will be added before night to the toll of the San Francisco tong war, which broke out last night. At noon, Set Yit, member of the Bow on tong, was shot in the back and mortally wounded by an unidentified assailant.

The highbinder fled into the quarters of the Suey Sing tong and was smuggled away. When Corporal Cannon searched the place he found the revolver which the slayer used, but no trace of the man.

This, the second shooting of the day, will complicate the war by drawing in the injured man's tong into it, police believe.

## EXPECT RENEWAL OF INFANTRY ATTACKS

Paris, Mar. 7.—Continuing their smash against Verdun from the northwest, the Germans captured Hill 265, near Reuvelille, it was officially admitted by the war office today.

The Tontons charged and seized the hill under cover of an intense bombardment.

Germans who occupied Forges stormed the hill it was announced. The French positions on Goose hill are under severe shell fire. A general renewal of extensive infantry operations is expected.

As the Germans charged out of Forges and dashed toward Hill 265, they encountered a storm of shells from French guns, the war office declared. Despite staggering losses, they advanced steadily up the slope, leaving a trail of dead and dying.

As they neared the summit, struggling through a mass of barbed wire, the French retreated to Goose hill, the village of Bothin, the eastern part of the Corbeaux forest and Comieres wood.

German artillery immediately centered its fire on these positions. The official communique declared the French still held the summit of Goose hill. This may mean the Germans have already occupied it. Slopes of Goose hill rise 257 feet above the thickly wooded country surrounding it.

## WEDDERBURN RESIDENTS ARE BACK IN THEIR HOMES

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## 16 PRISONERS DIED IN JAIL FIRE AT EL PASO, TEXAS

London, Mar. 7.—Using the tactics which brought victory to Field Marshal von Mackensen at Warsaw, the German crown prince's armies today smashed at Verdun with their right and left wings simultaneously.

The right jaw of this monster "nutcracker" of fire and steel advanced in an impetuous rush to win seven miles of Verdun, seizing Hill 265, according to the Paris war office's admission.

Simultaneously, the left jaw shattered French lines around Fresnes and, according to the German claim, captured the village. Paris failed to confirm the report that Fresnes was taken. The French statement mentioned only artillery duelling upon the Woivre plain around Fresnes, in the Braas sectors, and in the region of Hardsamont.

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## MANIAC KILLED FAMILY OF SEVEN, THEN SUICIDES

Lawton, Okla., Mar. 7.—Daniel O'Kane, 48 years old, murdered his family of seven and committed suicide early today, following a quarrel with his father. He is believed to have been insane. Detectives say O'Kane killed his victims as they slept. He appears to have gone methodically through his farm house, armed with a razor, a hammer and a revolver.

His wife was shot and her head crushed with a hammer. The five children were all killed by blows on the head and the throats of the four eldest were slashed with a razor.

The baby was both shot and beaten. O'Kane's aged father was killed by a bullet. Then the maniac tossed aside his razor and hammer, walked into a front room and shot himself to death.

## SEARCHERS FIND NO MORE SURVIVORS OF SPANISH SHIP

Bio Janeiro, Mar. 7.—Rescue parties returned to port today after thoroughly searching off the bay of Santos for victims of the Principe de Asturias wreck. They reported no trace of survivors.

The Swedish steamer Vaca landed about 150 survivors, mostly passengers. It is estimated between 450 and 500 perished when the Spanish vessel was driven on the rocks off the Brazilian coast.

## GERMAN GENERAL REPORTED KILLED IN VERDUN BATTLE

London, Mar. 7.—An Amsterdam report this afternoon said Major General von Lotterer, commanding a German artillery division at Verdun, had been killed in action.

## ENGLAND TO ADOPT NEW ATTITUDE TOWARD SHIPMENTS FROM THE U. S.

London, Mar. 7.—The British government has adopted a new plan that will eliminate many of the inconveniences now suffered by American shippers because of the blockade, the United Press was informed today by Lord Robert Cecil, new minister of blockade. At the suggestion of United States Consul-General Skinner at London, Great Britain in the future will notify American shippers before their goods leave American ports whether they will be permitted to pass the British blockade. This will make it unnecessary in the future for British warships to make seizures, resulting in long controversies.

Adoption of this plan is one of the first important results of the elevation of Lord Cecil to a position in the British cabinet. The operation of the new plan, the minister said, will be left to the British authorities in America, who will pass on the eligibility of shipments.

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## FRESNES CAPTURED BY KAISER WILHELM'S ARMY

Slow Progress Being Made in the Battle Before Verdun, the Germans Being Halted in Their Attempt to Break Through the French Ranks at the North, Though Minor Positions Elsewhere Are Taken

Berlin, Mar. 7.—Fresnes, 12 miles southeast of Verdun, has been captured by the Germans, it was officially announced today. Three hundred French surrendered in the village.

London, Mar. 7.—Halted again in their attempt to break the French ranks north of Verdun, the armies of the German crown prince have shifted their attack to the northwest defenses of the city.

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The French are resisting with great strength, giving the Germans shell for shell and meeting them with the bayonet at many points.

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## SENATOR PHILAN PROTESTS ENGLISH DISCRIMINATION

Washington, Mar. 7.—Senator Philan today lodged with Secretary Lansing a protest against Great Britain forbidding importation of dried and preserved fruit until October.

The senator charged the British were unjustly discriminating against California's largest industry, that Great Britain was borrowing American money to purchase Canadian goods, and is overpaying the United States unfair treatment.

## NO MILITARY DAMAGE IN ZEPPELIN RATE

London, Mar. 7.—Admittedly no military damage was done by Zeppelins in their attack on the British naval position at Harb Goudey night, according to a revised official statement from the admiralty today.

## ELECT NEW PRESIDENT FOR TACOMA SMOELING CO.

Tacoma, Mar. 7.—P. B. Brownell, president of the Federal Water & Smelting company, and a director of the American Smelting & Refining company, is the new president of the Tacoma Smelting company, elected at the annual meeting of the company today.

Brownell succeeded W. W. Hunt, whose resignation was tendered several months ago, although not formally accepted until Brownell's election.

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